

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hui Li et al.  
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For : Method for Processing Metadata  
Examiner : Alicia M. Lewis  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2008 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending October 18, 2008 was set in which to respond, and for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the attached RCE, this response is considered timely. The fee for the RCE is being charged to Deposit Account 07-0832 via EFS-Web.

**Listing/Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.